

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 47(a), 47(b), 48, 49, 50(a) and 50(b). The attached sheets which includes Figs. 47(a), 47(b), 48, 49, 50(a) and 50(b), replaces the original sheets of the same Figs.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

Annotated sheets (showing changes)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims

Claims 18-24 are pending in this application. Claim 18 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to because the numerals in the specification do not correspond to the Figs. 43-45 and 47-50. Corrected drawing sheets have been provided for the sheets of drawings containing Figs. 47(a), 47(b), 48, 49, 50(a) and 50(b). However, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection with respect to Figs. 43-45. There appears to be a direct correlation between the reference numbers used in Figs. 43-45 and the specification, and therefore these figures have not been changed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 18-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 18 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

Allowable Claims

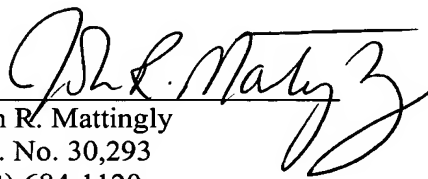
Pending claims 18-24 should now be found to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

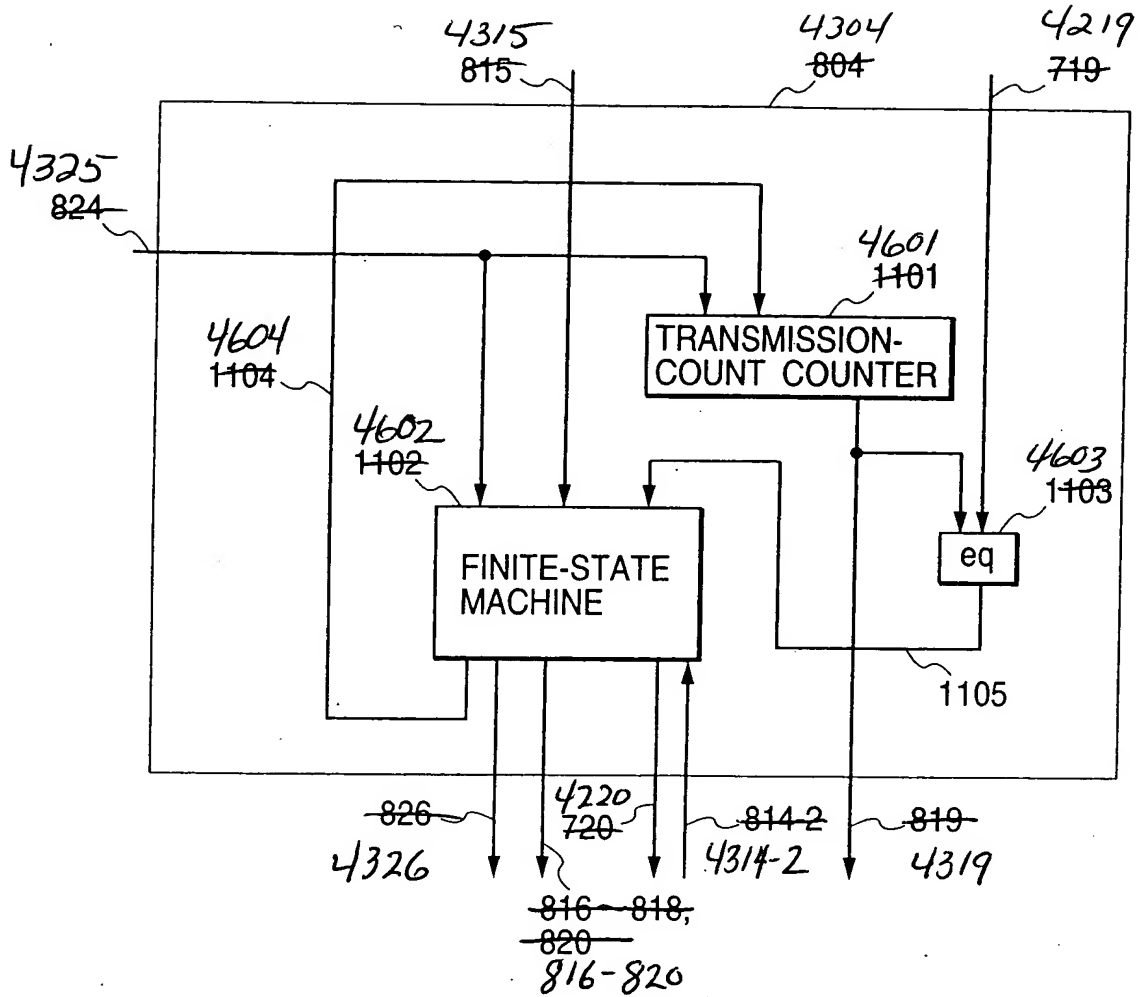
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FIG. 47(a)



(b)
FIG. 47(a)

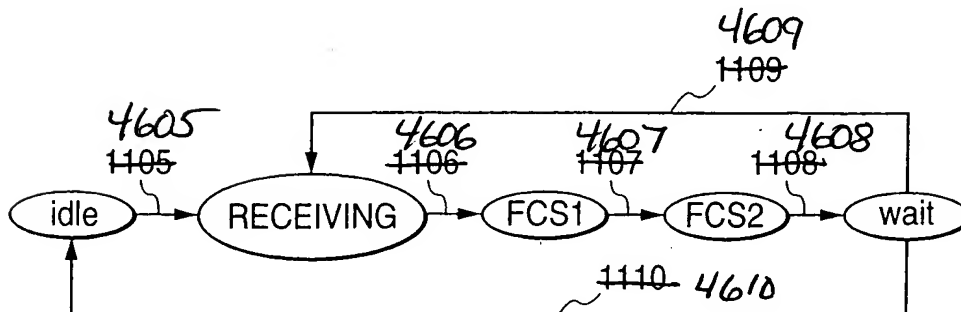
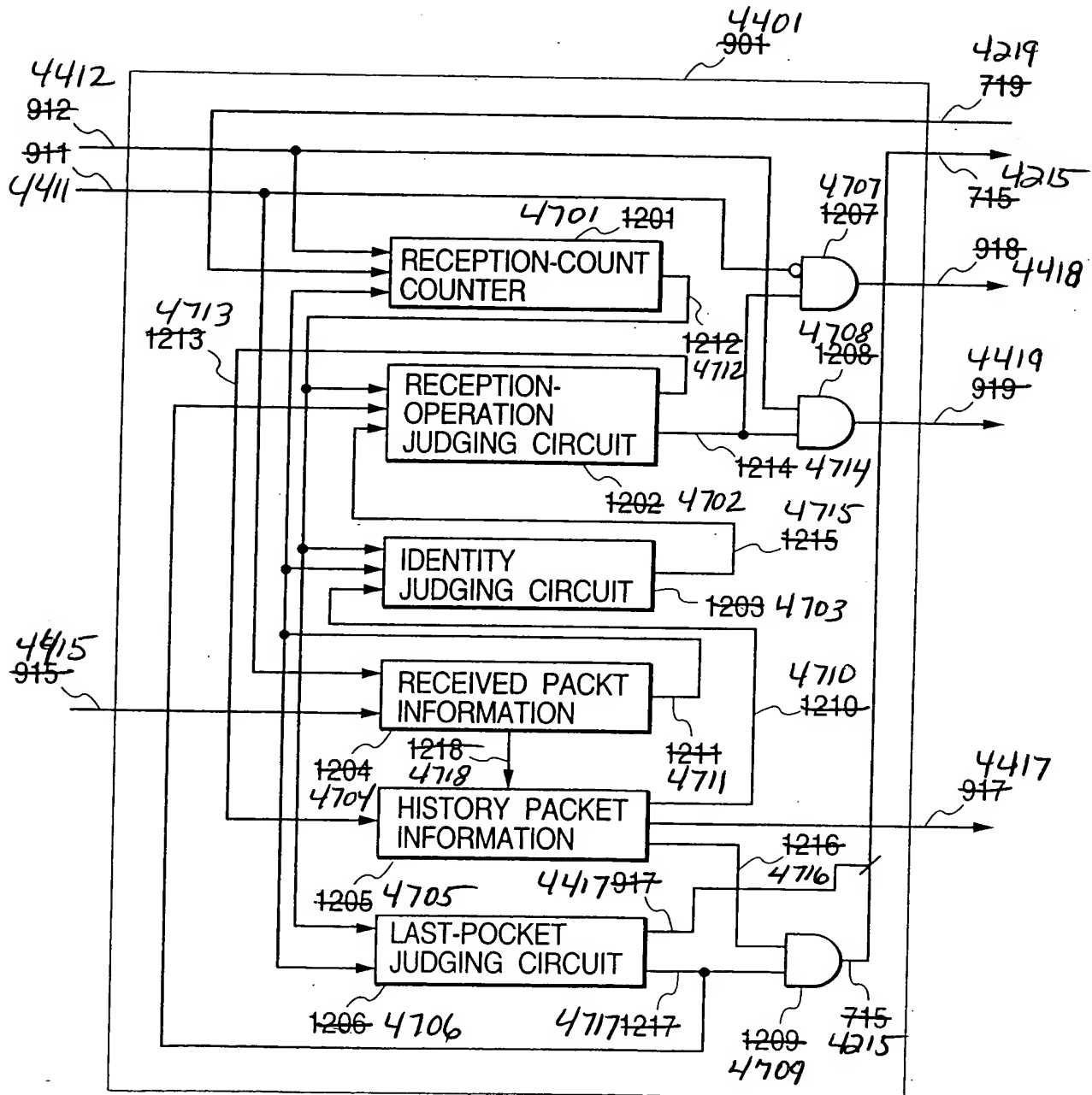
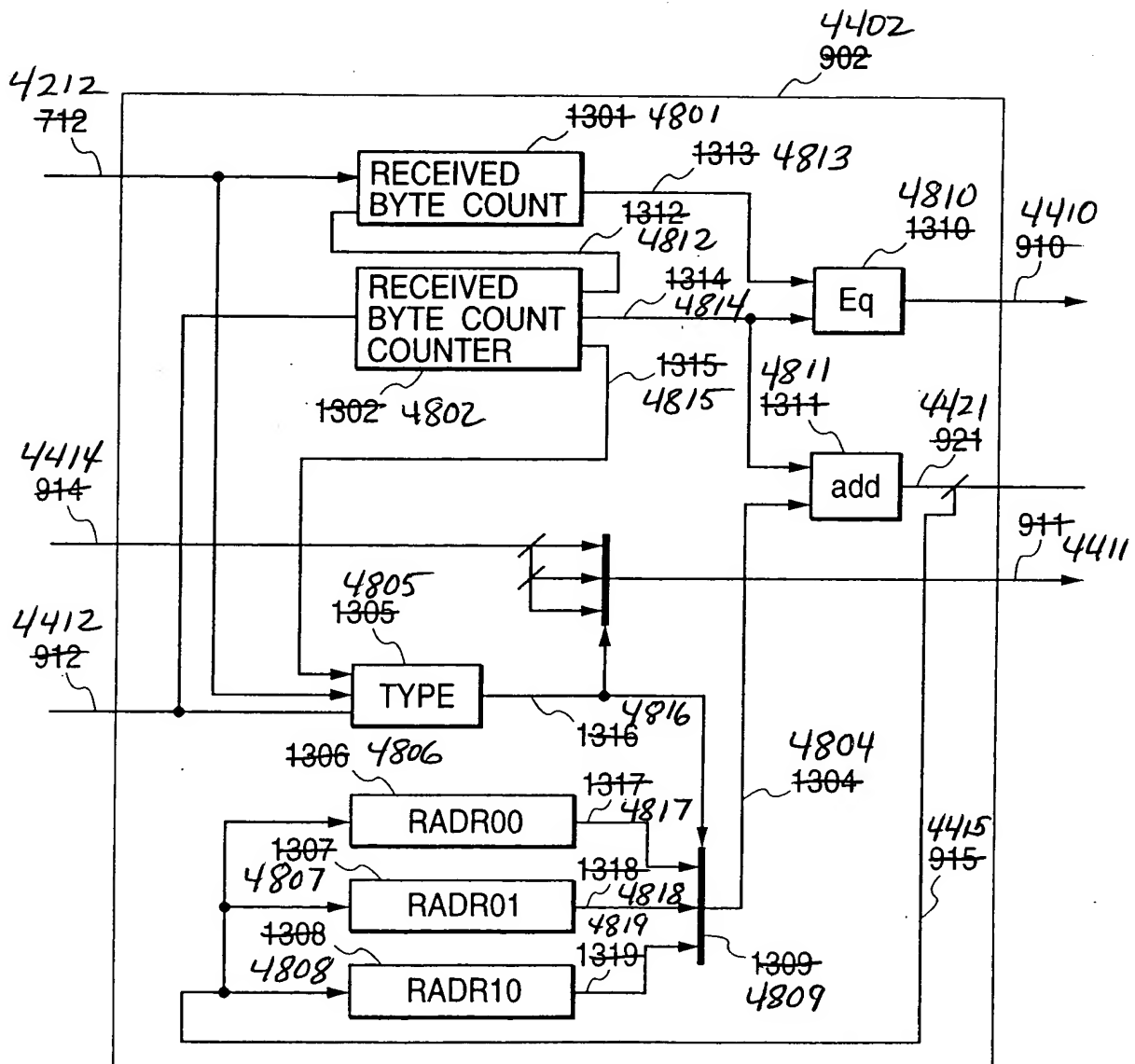


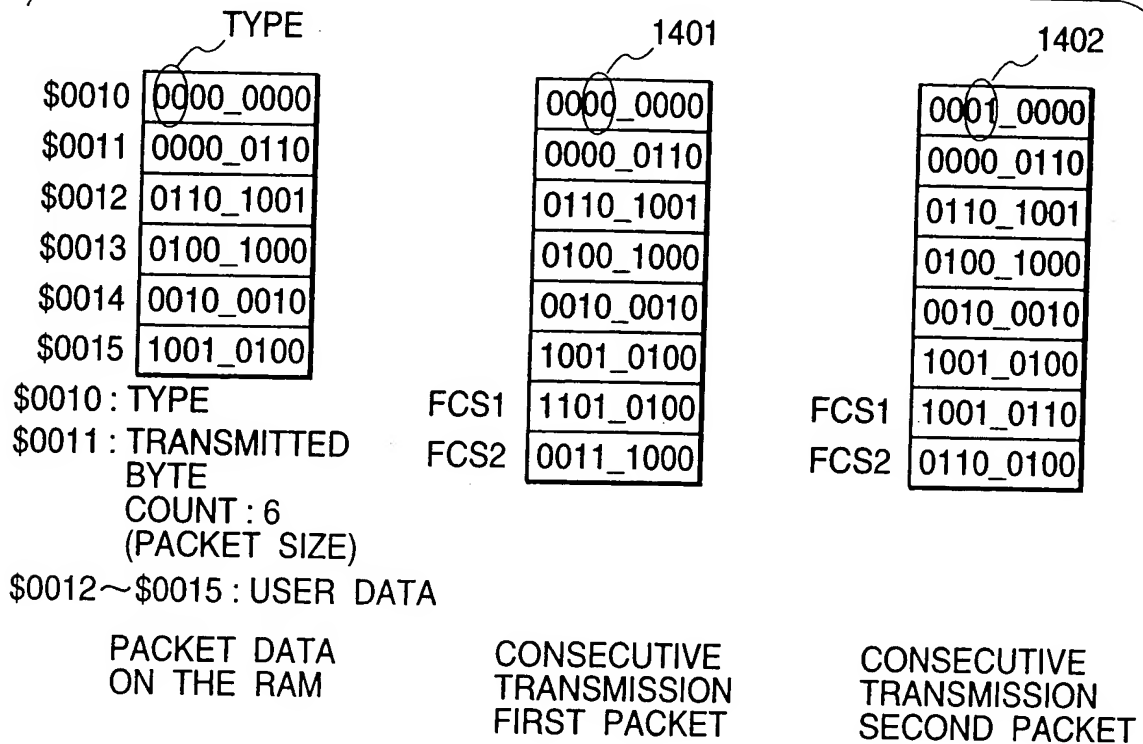
FIG. 48





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FIG. 49

**FIG. 50(a)****FIG. 50(b)**